

SITE FOR A CIRCUS

Ringling Brothers Desire to Remove to This City

IF A PLACE CAN BE SECURED

It is worth \$100,000 a year to have the famous Ringling Brothers in this city. The requirements.

It is possible that Ringling Brothers may decide to remove the winter quarters of their circus from Baraboo, Wisconsin, to this city. In a letter to a personal friend in the city, John Ringling declares that they intend to make a change, and that Grand Rapids would be a desirable point to locate. The brothers have had some consultation with Secretary Kinsey of the board of trade, with a view to learning what inducements the city can offer in the way of a site. Ringling Brothers' circus is one of the largest in the country. It exhibited in this city last August for the first time, and the management was unusually complimentary for the cleanliness of the performance, and the entire absence of any objectionable features. For several years the winter quarters of the circus have been in Baraboo, a little Wisconsin city of about 4,000 inhabitants. The city is too small to meet the requirements, and a change has become necessary.

The circus employs about eighty-five men during the winter to look after the menagerie and make preparations for the summer season. The animals are kept in menageries housed especially fitted for this purpose. The houses are heated by means of stoves in order to maintain the right temperature, and nearly fifty persons are employed in looking after the beasts.

The circus carries something over 350 blooded horses, and these have to be taken care of. The amount of money expended in feeding the animals runs up into the thousands during the course of the winter.

All the paraphernalia is manufactured by employees of the circus. Blacksmith and wagon repairing shops are fitted up. The wagons are all refitted every winter and scores of harnesses made.

A tract of eight or ten acres is necessary to furnish the requisite amount of room for the circus during the winter. The employees are all skilled laborers and not the knock-down and drag-out toughs that tradition has associated with a circus. All of them are a desirable class of residents. Ringling Brothers are favorably impressed with Grand Rapids, its transportation facilities and consequent reasonable prices for all the necessities of the business. John Ringling states that he has not seen a city that offered more favorable advantages. At a low estimate the circus is worth \$100,000 a year to the city, and possibly more.

City News in Brief.

The Seventh Ward Municipal Franchise league will meet Tuesday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. H. Margaret Downs, No. 377 West Bridge street. Mrs. Martha J. Strickland of Detroit will deliver a lecture on "Different Forms of Government."

At the Church of Christ Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock Mrs. Brown, a returned missionary from India, will give an address to ladies only. In the evening at 7:45 the Rev. Mr. Brown will give an address, which will be illustrated by slides and charts.

Yesterday's bank clearings amounted to \$135,280.25, a decrease of \$3,654.29 as compared with the corresponding day of last year. The clearings for the week were \$751,712.30, a decrease of \$79,347.05 as compared with the corresponding week of 1902.

Oscar P. Sexton filed a deed of assignment yesterday to Ben Seale for the benefit of his creditors. Sexton is a general commission merchant, doing business at No. 81 South Division street. No inventory or list of creditors has yet been filed.

Bert Corbin, a young man with a well-known, was arrested last night for begging on the street. At the jail he said he had no home and \$15.40 was found on his person. Besides the money he carried a fine gold watch.

The regular monthly meeting of the Free Kindergarten circle of King's Daughters will be held at the residence of Mrs. J. C. Fitzgerald, No. 44 Washington street Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

If you are making a change in your bank account take your deposits to the State Bank of Michigan. It has the largest capital of any savings institution in the state outside of Detroit.

The factory of the Metal Stamping & Spinning company on Straight street is running fourteen hours a day and will continue on that time for the remainder of the month.

Mrs. T. Wiley of San Francisco will speak at No. 19 Waterloo street mission this afternoon at 2:30, and the Rev. C. H. Benson of Pearson will speak in the evening at 7:30.

Miss Kate Kennedy of Newburg, New York, is visiting Mrs. Thomas F. O'Brien of No. 160 Ottawa street.

The regular monthly meeting of the

board of managers of the Woman's Home and Hospital will be held at the home, No. 69 Eastwick street, on Monday afternoon, October 8, at 2:30 o'clock.

William Dunham, wife and daughter of Jefferson avenue returned yesterday morning from Chicago via Grand Rapids. They report a very stormy night on the lake.

I. G. Kheiralla will lecture in the Ladies' Literary society club house Thursday evening, the subject being "The Seven Ages of a Mohammedan in Egypt."

Mr. and Mrs. Irving A. Dean of No. 17 Hollister avenue, lightened the midnight gloom of the season last night with a huge bouquet of fragrant fall flowers.

The district nurse of the Charity society was ill yesterday and two nurses, a doctor and a woman helper volunteered to attend to the most urgent cases.

At the Ministers' conference Monday afternoon the Rev. J. E. Smith will open the discussion on the topic "The Progress of Doctrine."

Sidney Steele of the Morton house and Arthur Sharp, assistant in the G. R. & L. paymaster's office, went to Chicago last night.

The Berkey & Gay Furniture factory will start up Monday with a limited force after being shut down for two months.

The sewing school for poor and deserving girls will reopen in St. Mark's chapel on Saturday morning next at 9 a. m.

The annual meeting of the board of directors of the U. B. A. Home and Hospital will be held Tuesday, October 17.

E. A. Fletcher and Mr. and Mrs. William Mosher of Fletcher place have returned from the world's fair.

A. W. Smith of West Toledo is the guest of his brother-in-law, W. E. Cooper, of Thomas street.

The Oratorio society will begin its rehearsals at the auditorium of the Y. M. C. A. tomorrow night.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Seymour of No. 58 Dwight street have gone to the world's fair.

Mrs. Maggie Shaw of Corl Knott & Co. will return from New York tomorrow.

There are now forty-seven children in the Children's home on Cherry street.

O. W. Van Dyne and wife of No. 162 Fifth avenue are at the world's fair.

J. W. Trel and Charles Rose will leave for Chicago today.

Clerk Luckie of the superior court is at the world's fair.

Benjamin Harensen has gone to Chicago.

Silver Lake Quartet Program.
The following program will be rendered at the free concert to be given by the Silver Lake quartet, in Lockery hall, Sunday afternoon: "Wonderful Story of Love," "Over the Brink," "The Broken Heart," "Do You Remember Your Old Home," "Hill by Hill," "Can a Boy Forget?" "Beautiful Hands," "America." The Rev. C. H. Mead, one of the quartet, will give a rousing temperance talk.

Birthday Surprise Party.
About forty friends of George A. Mangold of Wurzburg's dry goods store gave him a birthday surprise party last Friday night at his residence, No. 76 Scribner street. The evening was pleasantly spent with progressive peddle, and at 12 o'clock delicious refreshments were served. As a token of the esteem and respect of his many friends Mr. Mangold was presented with a beautiful silver can.

Wedding Announcement.
Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Power of No. 212 North College avenue have issued invitations to the marriage of their daughter Miss Belle and Will M. Hine. The ceremony will be performed at the residence of the bride's parents, Wednesday evening, Oct. 16, at 8 o'clock, by the Rev. J. T. Huot. Mr. Hine is a day clerk in the New Livingston, and is one of the brightest young hotel men in the city.

Bryant Council Anniversary.
Bryant council, No. 182, Royal Arcanum, will celebrate its fifteenth anniversary Monday evening, October 16. The celebration will be held in Good Templar's hall, McMillen block, and all members and their friends are invited to be present. An attractive musical and literary program will be presented. Bryant council is the oldest in the city and has 300 members.

Dr. Gardner's Address.
The Rev. Dr. Washington Gardner of Albion college will give an address in the Young Men's Christian association building this afternoon at 4 o'clock, to which all young men are cordially invited. J. B. Ware will conduct the services held at the union depot, under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A., at 3:10 p. m., to which the public are cordially invited.

Grace Church Choir Service.
The choir of Grace church of fifty voices will sing tonight "The Magnificat" and "Nunc Dimittis" by Field, and the Jerusalem choros from Gounod's "Gala" and for the offertory an alto solo will be rendered. The Rev. J. B. Ware will make his second sermon on the Bible. Subject: "The Origin and Growth of the Old Testament."

Burial Permits.
Nellie Eitzema, U. B. A. home, Fulton street.

ROBBED AN OLD MAN

Fred Miller Pounded Nearly to Death in His Home

IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WALKER

The Robbers Secured \$35 and Left Miller Unconscious and Bound on the Floor.

Masked robbers nearly killed Fred Miller, an aged German, living on the Walker road five miles from this city, in his home Friday night. After pounding the old man into insensibility the robbers robbed him of \$35 and departed leaving the victim bound with bayonet wire. He recovered consciousness after an hour but did not dare leave the house to give the alarm until daylight. Mr. Miller resides alone in a small shanty on the Walker road. He says he was about to retire about 9 o'clock when he heard a rattle at the door and taking a lamp in his hand went to open it. He had barely unfastened the lock when two men whom he says he thought had red paint on their faces rushed in, grabbed him and when he called for aid struck him with a club and beat him until he knew no more. He recovered sufficiently to climb on the roof. It was 10:30 when he recovered consciousness. At 11 o'clock several young men passed the house and heard Mr. Miller calling, but supposed he was singing, as he often did at night.

At daylight Mr. Miller succeeded in attracting the attention of Fred Holmes and E. W. Allen, who at once gave the alarm, and brought Mr. Miller to the city and to Dr. Groner's office, where the wounds were dressed. There were at least a half dozen wounds on Mr. Miller's head, and his face was black and bruised in many places.

When the officers reached Miller's house they found everything in confusion, showing that the old man had fought desperately. The walls and floor and bed were bespattered with blood. A 38-caliber Smith & Wesson cartridge was found on the floor. The stick with which he had been struck was found in the wood box. It was the large end of a whiplike whip loaded with iron. It was about two feet long and was covered with blood and hair. The wire with which the poor old man was bound was found under the bed. There were signs that a horse and buggy had driven up to the Miller house. Mr. Miller was unable to give any description of the two men. He saw them only for a moment, and as the lamp was knocked from his hand a dark lantern flashed in his face, so blinding him that he did not see their faces or clothing again. The sheriff's force acted promptly, telephoning the various livery stables to learn if anyone had a horse on Friday night out as late as 10:30. They found no trace and the detectives of the city are aiding them to locate the villains. After his wounds were dressed Mr. Miller was taken to Mercy hospital to be cared for until he recovers.

National Funeral Directors.
P. H. O'Brien, president of the Michigan Funeral Directors' association has returned from Detroit, where he attended the convention of the International Funeral Directors' association. He says the convention was one of the most interesting and instructive ever held by the association.

"As the Canadian funeral directors have not taken much interest in the affairs of the association and have sent no delegates to the last two conventions we changed the name of the convention from international to national," said Mr. O'Brien last night. "We did not propose to continue the name when only national delegates compose the convention."

The next convention will be held in St. Louis, Missouri.

Going to Chicago.

Grand Rapids is preparing to do its share toward assisting Chicago to celebrate Chicago day, and at least 1,000 persons from this city will be on the fair grounds Monday. About 700 persons went over yesterday, and fully 300 more will go over tonight.

Special Church Notes.
Trinity Church—Harvest song service at 10:30 and 7:30 for the benefit of the Children's home. Special music has been prepared by the vested choir. Sunday school and bible class at 3.

Unity Church—Morning, "The Sere and Yellow Leaf." Evening, lecture in answer to the lectures of the Rev. Charles Watts on the existence of God and on after life. All invited.

All Souls Church (Universalist)—Morning subject, "From Childhood to Manhood in Religion." Sunday school 12 m. Young people's meeting 6:15 p. m. No evening service.

Park Congregational—Morning, "Why Have the Churches Invited B. F. Miller to Grand Rapids?" Evening address, "Samson, or the Strong Man Made Weak."

First Presbyterian Church—Morning service at 10:30; Sunday school at noon.

Y. P. S. C. E. prayer meeting at 6 p. m. evening service at 7.

St. Matthew's Fifth Ward P. E. Church—Quincy street and North avenue; Sunday school at 10 a. m.; service and sermon 11 a. m.

New Jerusalem Church—Services Sunday morning at the usual hour. Subject, "The Lord Alone Saves, Evil Alone Punishes."

Church of Christ—Morning, "How to Read the Bible;" evening, "The Love Growth," the third lecture to young people.

St. Mark's P. E.—10:30 a. m. service and sermon; Sunday school at noon; evening service and sermon 7 p. m.

Grace Church—Holy communion at 8; morning prayer and sermon 10:30; evening prayer and sermon 7:30.

South Congregational—Morning, "Progress of Gospel—Seen in Doctrine;" evening, "Elevating Friendship."

Plainfield Avenue M. E.—The Rev. Albert Smith will preach at 10:30 a. m. and the Rev. Eli Wigle at 7 p. m.

Grand Rapids Spiritual Association—At 7:50 p. m. Mrs. Maggie Waite of California will give a test séance.

Church of Christ (Scientist)—At Good Templar's hall, South Division street, Sunday school at 10:45 a. m.

Fountain Street Baptist—Usual services morning; evening subject, "The Fanatic."

Mission Wood Presbyterian—Morning, "Light From Life;" evening, "United Efforts."

St. Mark's Hospital—Sunday service 4:30 p. m. and Thursday 2 p. m.

SHOE MERCHANTS FAIL.

Stocks Being Offered in This City.
The failure of several well-known retail shoe firms has left many manufacturers with large stocks of good footwear on hand, which they have been obliged to sacrifice from 25 to 40 percent to get cash to continue business. Crozier Bros. have taken advantage of this and increased their stock many thousands of dollars and are drawing crowds by giving their customers this entire discount.

JUST WHAT IS WANTED.
The Western Beef & Provision Company Makes an Interesting Announcement.

Elsewhere in this issue of THE HERALD the Western Beef & Provision Company makes an announcement that should prove of great interest to the rich and poor alike. It should prove interesting because the announcement is on a subject of vital importance to all, that of buying meats, and the opportunities that are to be offered of buying such at wondrously low rates. Manager Bierce is one of those gentlemen that can appreciate anything, or any circumstance, and he, like all other merchants, fully realizes the siege the laboring man has just passed through. He is well aware that money is a scarce article and feeling assured that if a remarkable cut in prices of meats were made, the laboring man could enjoy a far more palatable repast for breakfast, dinner and supper than what is now had in thousands of homes. Therefore Mr. Bierce will carry out his part of the undertaking and it now remains to be seen if the laboring man will respond. Commencing on Thursday morning of this week the Western Beef & Provision company inaugurates a grand cut sale of meats. It is termed the Laboring Man's Sale. By a careful perusal of the firm's display advertisement seen on page five of this issue, where the price list is published, much that is interesting can be gleaned.

Great Reduction Sale
of our entire stock of ladies', gents', misses' and children's footwear, including all of the latest makes and styles of the eastern manufacturers. For one week we make you an unparalleled offer in footwear. We have marked all goods down to minimum prices, and will convert them into money regardless of cost. Just a few of our prices:

Men's \$5.00 Cardovan shoes now \$4.80.
Men's \$5.00 calf shoes now \$4.00.
Men's \$4.00 Kangaroo shoes now \$3.00.
Men's \$5.00 Patent Leathers now \$5.00.
Ladies' \$5.00 Vici Kid shoes now \$4.00.
Ladies' \$3.50 Dongola Kid shoes now \$2.80.
Misses' \$2.00 Dongola shoes now \$1.50.
Misses' \$1.75 Goat shoes now \$1.25.
Boys' \$2.50 Calf, bal and button now \$2.00.
Similar reduction made on everything in stock.

EAGAN BROS.
54 Canal street.
One fare for the round trip to Chicago October 11th and 18th over Lake Shore.

Read the article in The Workman regarding the city electrician, C. W. Carman, president and general manager Grand Rapids Electric company.

For a first-class shave and hair cut and a good bath. Open on Sunday for baths. Call on J. C. Craig, 90 Canal street, in basement.

For a good square meal of home cooking call at the Paris Restaurant, 52 Lyon street.
WM. STEVENS, Proprietor.

Are you interested in Linens? If so, don't fail to attend Corl Knott & Co.'s special sale on these goods, commencing Monday and continuing through the week.

Travis has a fine line of new and second-hand stoves. Great bargains.

Again This Week

\$8.98

Do you know that we are selling lots of the new and very fashionable long-tailed Cutaway Frocks? A large line of Clay Worsted just in. Prices on these lower than elsewhere.

They Wonder.

People wonder how we can sell such excellent flowing-end 4-in-hands for 50c. We do it, and furnishers charge \$1.50 for no better.



Cor. Canal and Lyon.

For Your Liver and Stomach Take

WHITE & WHITE'S BLOOD AND LIVER PILLS

These Liver Pills are composed of the active principles of vegetable drugs that have special action on the liver and bowels. They are small, pleasant to take, prompt in their action, will not grip or irritate, and perform their work to the perfect satisfaction of the patient.

White & White's Blood and Liver Pills restore the torpid liver to its normal condition, create a healthy action in the digestive organs and cure constipation, by securing prompt and regular operations of the bowels.

Directions: For habitual constipation, take two pills at bedtime; for loss of appetite, with headache, one pill at bedtime; for indigestion, dyspepsia, dizziness, nausea, etc., one twice a day for several days, then take one every night or every other night, regulating the dose to suit the constitution, and continue until the bowels become regular in their operations. The bottles are sealed with the name of the proprietor. White & White's Headache Powder still lead. Guaranteed to cure all cases or money refunded. Take no other. Sold by all druggists.

WHITE & WHITE
Norton House Pharmacy, 59 Monroe St.
Open All Night. Grand Rapids, Mich.

GOING OUT OF BUSINESS.

\$5.00 worth of Boots, Shoes and Rubbers will be closed out at once beginning

MONDAY MORNING SEPTEMBER 25.
No credit given to anyone and all accounts must be settled on or before January 1. For reasons of my own I have taken this step. Prices will be so low so that the worst break in the country cannot help but be the worst business and don't you forget it.

PETER BOYER
89 CANAL STREET.

SPECIAL SALE DRESS GOODS Dress Goods Week

Commencing next Monday morning, Oct. 9, to last for one week, we shall make things very interesting in our Dress Goods Department.

WE PROPOSE TO OFFER THE PUBLIC Six Decided Bargains.

BARGAIN NO. 1.—A full line of 36 inch all wool Flannel Suitings in all the new and desirable Fall Shades special sale price, 32½¢ a yard.

BARGAIN NO. 2.—38 and 40 inch all wool Flannel Suitings, all new and choice colorings, regular 50 cent goods special sale price, 39¢ a yard.

BARGAIN NO. 3.—A beautiful line of Wide Waist Diagonals, in fine textures, sold from 75 to 90¢ a yard, special sale price, 59¢ a yard. Also a new line (just received) of 50 inch homespuns, \$1.00 quality, 59¢ a yard.

BARGAIN NO. 4.—A line of self-colored fancy weaves and Cassimere Suitings, in check and broken plaid effects, dark colorings, regular value \$1.00 per yard, special sale price, 69¢ a yard.

BARGAIN NO. 5.—75 pieces 46 inch, best grade Henriettas, all popular shadings, special sale price, 79¢ a yard.

BARGAIN NO. 6.—A general cut in prices of all our latest imported high-grade Novelty Patterns, of which our line is larger and better than often seen in one collection.

Those visiting our Dress Goods Department during this sale will find it to their interest.

Voigt, Herpolsheimer & Co.

N. B.—A few slightly soiled Blankets will be sold at a bargain.

DO NOT BE DECEIVED!

This is not a chattel mortgage sale, but a bonafide ONE-HALF OFF SALE of a first-class stock of BOOTS AND SHOES. No shoddy goods seen, every pair as represented. Place confidence in the statements of a home merchant. During this great sale I will give my purchasers as good figures as any one in the city can offer.

\$23,000 Worth of Boots, Shoes!

Just bought at a big discount by me. They must go, and go with a rush. I secured this stock at a bargain. I will give it to you at a bargain. I have no room for it and I want to move it rapidly. Less than one-half off. I will not quote prices. Simply ask you to come and see what we are offering. I can save you money.

GRIFFITH'S NEW YORK SHOE STORE,
No. 39 Monroe Street.

Magnetic Healer and Developing Medium!

Private sittings for developing or in classes of four and upward. Developing circle every Thursday evening at 8 o'clock in the parlors of No. 40 Monroe Street. George F. Wright of Boston. Call or address No. 12 S. Division st.

SCRATCH BLOXI

Another frommen let just made up from old cuttings of good shoe goods. WE ALMOST GIVE THEM AWAY.
BARLOW BROS.
3 and 1 Pearl street, next the Bridge.

HEAR YE! HEAR YE! ALL THE PEOPLE! BENEFIT SALE TO LABORERS!

The Rescuer is Coming---Important News to the Unemployed of Grand Rapids!

Three Days' Business!

Without Profits!

Have courage brethren. We are your friends.

You sustained our business when times were good.

We'll help you now when you need it. That's our religion.

Do not lay this paper down until you have read the prices. Every man's larder shall burst with substantial proofs of our sympathy. Come and help yourselves. You shall have it far below the usual prices, lower than any wholesale house would think of buying. Your appreciation is the only pay we want. The times are ill; political flimstering is a poor remedy.

It's Meat We Want.

Did You Ever See Such Prices as These?

Good Steaks, 6c.
Good Round Steaks, 7 and 8c.
Surlola Steaks, 8 and 9c.
Porterhouse Steaks, 9 and 10c.
Good Beef Roasts, 5 and 6c.
Good Dried Beef, 6½c.
Pure Crystal Leaf Lard, 11½c.
No. 1 Hams, 10½c.
No. 1 California Hams, 8½c.
5 lbs Liver Sausage, 25c.
5 lbs Bologna Sausage, 25c.
No. 1 Family Lard, 8½c.

NOW TAKE NOTICE

Thursday, Oct. 12,
Friday, Oct. 13, and Saturday, Oct. 14.

Are the days set for the Benefit Sale. It's the only chance before snow and ice drives us in out of the cold. While this sale is intended to directly benefit men out of work, the widow, the orphan and the poor generally, we believe all wage earners are entitled to participation. If others come they will, of course, be served at same prices, as we are no respecter of persons. This will give you an idea: Strictly first-class meats of every kind, smoked and fresh, cooked and uncooked, lard, sausage, etc., are at your command.

Many generous wholesale meat dealers in the west have waived profits and principal to assist at this occasion, for we have told them our story. Additional help has been secured and we have but this request to make: Exercise as much patience as possible. You shall all be served liberally.

THE WESTERN BEEF & PROVISION COMPANY, 71 CANAL ST.